



**CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO**

**CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS**

**Three Month Programme**

**SLQF 01  
10 CREDITS**



**Upholding 30 Years of Excellence in Human Rights Education & Research  
Centre for the Study of Human Rights  
Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka**

**Centre for the Study of Human Rights**

Centre for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR), was established in 1991 in response to extensive human rights violations in Sri Lanka at the time period. It was set up as a non-profit organisation within the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, with the objective of making the public aware of their rights and remedies for the violation of rights. CSHR has been a pioneer of human rights education for 30 years with its mandate of Human Rights Education, Research and Capacity Building.

The CSHR continues to believe in the primary goal of Human Rights Education as a vital component in building a Human Rights culture throughout society; where the principles of peace, respect for diversity, and economic and social justice are maintained. This goal is pursued through the content and methods employed in the educational programmes of the CSHR. CSHR offers Advanced training programmes, Certificate Courses, Diploma programmes Higher Diploma, Postgraduate programme and Masters under CSHR Education Programmes.

The CSHR's goal is to create a nation with a rights consciousness in which the dignity and rights of all people are respected.

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The objective of the Course is to provide an opportunity to study human rights to those whose activities will have a positive impact on the promotion and protection of Rights or those who wish to pursue a career in the promotion and protection of Rights. The course is primarily for those who have not had an opportunity of obtaining a structured understanding of human rights issues.

***Fee Structure for Certificate Courses***

Application Fee	Rs. 250/=
Course Fee	Rs. 30,000/=

**Applications can be downloaded from  
[cshr.cmb.ac.lk](http://cshr.cmb.ac.lk)**

Duly Completed Applications along with relevant copies of certificates and documents should be submitted by registered post to,

The Director,  
Centre for the Study of Human Rights  
Faculty of Law, University of Colombo,  
94, Cumarathunga Muninidasa Mawatha,  
Colombo 03.

**Application Deadline  
15 January 2023**

## Certificate in Human Rights and Fundamental Rights

### *Introduction*

This course is an introduction to Human Rights (HR) and Fundamental Rights (FR) (Certif. in HR and FR). It focuses on the very basics of the relevant areas, particularly emphasizing the most important aspects, namely history and background of HR and FR, domestic law, fundamental rights, international treaties, norms, and principles related to HR and FR and mechanisms of implementing these regimes.

The course is intended to not only give the participants an introduction to human rights and fundamental rights norms, policies and standards, but also as a foundation course for Diploma level courses offered by the CSHR, University of Colombo and to serve as a steppingstone for developing expertise in specialized areas of human rights and practice. This is an effort to accomplish the mission of the University of Colombo and has been designed to meet the mission of the Centre for the study of Human Rights, University of Colombo.

### *Target group:*

The primary target group of this course is the employees of public and private sector, human rights activists and other interested candidates, who keen to know the basics of Human Rights and Fundamental Rights such as University and school students (who have completed junior secondary level – Grade 09).

### *Course Structure: (Summary)*

The core units of the course will consist of the following:

01. Introduction to Human Rights
02. Conceptual Underpinnings of Human Rights
03. International Human Rights Law
04. Domestic Protection of Human Rights
05. Fundamental Rights Cases
06. International Obligation of Sri Lanka
07. Contemporary Human Rights Issue

### *Medium of Instruction: Sinhala and Tamil*

### **Course Structure and Contents**

This course is designed based on the credit value system of **Sri Lanka Qualification Framework Level 1 (SLQF 3)**.

Assessment will consist of individual presentation and a final assignment.

### *Admission Requirements:*

- a) Completion of junior secondary level, which is Grade 9 or an equivalent.

OR

- b) Completion of primary education and certified work experience equivalent to a minimum period of two years in a particular field may also be considered as an equivalent qualification for admission to SLQF level 1 provided that the applicant is at least 16 years of age.

### *Academic Resource Pool*

The resource pool will be comprised of highly qualified members of academia, practitioners and professionals from the field.

### **Director**

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